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SOUTHERN POLITICS.

The Situation South as Viewed by Dr. J. E. Shepherd, the Young North Carolina Leader—Great Faith in the New President—Current Topics Discussed.

Dr. James E. Shepard, the brilliant young Republican of the old North State, was in the city a few hours this week, and at the request of our reporter gave out the following statements:

"What is the attitude of the Republican party in North Carolina toward the negro?" was asked.

"I do not know. A great many are still holding office."

"Is it the policy of the leaders to remove them?"

"I do not know. Such a step, if taken, would result fatally to those who undertook it."

"Is the idea of building up a strictly Republican party gaining ground?"

"I hardly think so. The white people of the South want the policies of the Republican party; but they want them inside of the Democratic party, and it will be several years before any large numbers come to the Republican party."

"Will the Negro in your State continue to take a part in politics?"

"Yes," was the emphatic reply, "so long as they are freemen. The right of suffrage is the highest boon that can be given to a free people. That they have not exercised that right wisely all of the North State will admit. But they have learned some bitter lessons, and in the future I look for a better and purer electorate. I do not care to be quoted at length on political subjects. I have just been studying the strike situation. I believe a conflict in the near future between labor and capital is inevitable. In the event such a conflict occurs, the Negro will be found on the side of progress and advancement. In the emergency that is going to arise he will be found a safe and trustworthy citizen, and then he will be accorded a great many of the rights now denied him. The more I travel the more I am convinced that the South is the best place for the Negro, despite the restrictions. In the South he must work out his own salvation, and there he will be accorded his rights."

"What about the numerous lynchings?"

"I deplore them, and I am glad to state a sympathetic effort is being made by some of the Southern Governors to stamp out this relic of barbarism. The Governor of North Carolina has declared that lynching must stop. Whenever a man so far gets himself as to commit such a crime he should receive the full penalty of the law. But too often, of course, many innocent men are wrongly made to

suffer. Law is order."

"What do your people think of President Roosevelt?"

"The colored people of the South expect great things of President Roosevelt. They know that he is friendly to them, has a good civil service record, was our friend in New York, and may be expected to favor us generally."

"What will be the attitude of the Negro in politics in North Carolina?"

"The Negro will continue to try and exercise his right of suffrage in a conservative manner. To stand still and surrender his all now will cause him to lose the respect of his friends and enemies."

"What will be the outcome in North Carolina?"

"I hardly know. The Negro is at sea."

"What will be the fate of the Negro office holder in North Carolina?"

"I cannot tell. I hardly think it is or will be the policy of President Roosevelt to discriminate against a man on account of his color. The Negro in North Carolina will follow largely the advice of their leaders. They desire to see every Negro office holder accredited to the State remain, especially Recorder of Deeds Cheat-ham."

"What is the outlook for the Negro generally?"

"I have never lost faith in the future, and I believe it is pregnant with good things for the Negro. If he will behave himself, make friends with those he comes in contact with, accumulate property and acquires an education, you cannot down him with such acquisitions and with an unfaltering hope in God."

"What do your people think of Senator Pritchard?"

"He is the most powerful man the North State ever had in the Senate. He has the best interest of the State at heart. He is the friend of the Negro, and every one of us will use our greatest effort to see that he is returned to the Senate to succeed himself. He is a power in party council and an honor and credit to the State he so nobly represents."

With this Dr. Shepard said goodbye and ran to catch his train for Raleigh.

A Charity Acknowledged.

The musical society of this city sent fifty dollars as a popular subscription to Mrs. J. Milton Waldron of Jacksonville, Fla., for the benefit of the sufferers of the great holocaust there. Mrs. Waldron has acknowledged the receipt of the money to Dr. W. P. Napper, thanking the society for its gratuity and stating that the money was used to the best advantage.

THE GRAND FOUNTAIN. United Order of True Reformers.

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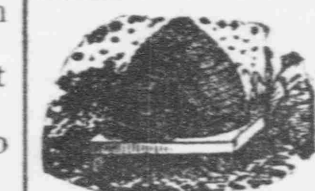
In Class B, the age limit is 14 to 60 years. Fee, \$2.50 to \$4.25. Annual dues, \$4.75 to \$7.60. The Certificate is valued first year at from \$100 to \$33. After one year, its value is \$200 to \$65.

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The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers has paid up to July 29, 1900, a total of \$782 Death Benefits, with a grand total of \$521,264.75, over a HALF MILLION DOLLARS.



THE BANK.—In our Savings Bank the Order has a sound and flourishing institution that is a credit not only to the Order but to the race as well. It began business April 3, 1889. The capital stock is \$100,000. The business is the same as that of any other regularly constituted bank, and is surrounded by the same safeguards. The stock sells for \$5.00 a share to members, and pays 20 per cent. dividends. Both time and demand deposits are received and 4 per cent. interest is paid on time deposits. The following is a copy of the Cashier's report to Auditor of Public Accounts of Virginia at close of business Sept., 5, 1900 and shows its flourishing condition:—

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts	\$8,272 80
Other stock, bonds and mortgages	164 423 83
Due from National Banks ...	48 283 22
Banking House	14 000 00
Other real estates	99 588 00
Furniture and Fixtures	6,850 00
Current expenses and taxes paid	1 388 99
Specie, nickels and cents ...	12 399 80
Paper currency	35 820 00
Total	391,120 84

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in	88,125 00
Surplus fund	80,957 81
Undivided profits	6,826 80
Demand certificate of deposits	96,786 29
Time certificates of deposit	118,424 74
Total	391,120 64

The Reformer's Grocery and Feed Store is located at 501 North Sixth St., Richmond, Va., and members of the Order and the public generally are saved 20 per cent. on the cost of food products.

THE REFORMER is the newspaper published by the order from its own office in Richmond, Va. It stands for the voice of the people, representing co-operation and combination of the race and is the Beacon Light, the Headlight, the General Messenger and the General Agent of the Brotherhood. It is \$1.00 per year. A well-equipped job office bids for the work of the people, which is turned out in first class style and at low prices.

Six miles from Richmond, in Henrico County, Va., the Order has purchased 634 acres of land, and established thereon an "Old Folk's Home". With unexampled liberality and broad-minded generosity, the Order does not limit entrance to this home to its members alone, nor even to members families, but the doors are opened to the aged and decrepid of the whole race, regardless of their residence or connections. The Order makes itself the trustee for this glorious charity, and calls upon the whole people, black and white, North, East, South and West to assist by their contribution the carrying out of this praiseworthy idea. April 3rd of each year is set apart as a Grand Rally Day for the Home. Contributions can be forwarded to the cashier of the Reformer's Savings Bank, who will send receipt for same and account for it to The Grand Fountain.

Members of the Order and the public, when visiting Richmond, Va., are invited to stop at The Hotel Reformer, 900 North Sixth St. It is in a pleasant and desirable location. Service is of the best and rates are reasonable.

The Real Estate Department manages and controls all property interests of the Order. The Order now owns 13 buildings, 4 farms, 4 dwellings, 1 hotel with a fee simple value of \$123,500. In addition to these the Order leases buildings.

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